

Application N .: 09/965,568
Preliminary Amendment dated: December 29, 2003
Request for Continued Examination

Remarks

A Final Rejection was issued in this case October 8, 2003. Accordingly, prosecution has been closed.

Claims 1-8 and 21-28 are cancelled. Claims 9-20 are before the Examiner.

Restriction Election

During earlier prosecution of the above referenced Application, the claims were made subject to a Restriction requirement. The claims were divided in to Group I, claims 1-8 and claims 21-28, and Group II, claims 9-20. On January 27, 2003, a provisional election was made, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. After the first Action dated February 5, 2003, paper No. 5, Applicants requested a shift in election to the claims of Group II. The request was denied. Applicants again request a shift, and to that end have cancelled claims 1-8 and 21-28. Applicants now request Examination of original claims 9-20.

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